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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0318

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS IT LY

SUBJECT: ITALIAN ARMS SALES TO LIBYA

1. FRENCH COUNSELOR BERNARD GUENNEC, WHO IN CHARGE MILITARY AFFAIRS INCLUDING PARTICULARLY MIRAGE PROGRAM, AND WHO HAS PROVED USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE, TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 14 HE HAD " UNCONFIRMED REPORT" THAT LARAF REPRESENTATIVE NOW IN ITALY SEEKING PURCHASE 20 BOEING CH-47 CHINOOK HELICOPTERS " FROM ITALIAN MANUFACTURER". EMBOFF REMARKED HE COULDN' T CONFIRM GUENNEC' S INFORMATION, INDEED DID NOT KNOW WHETHER AN ITALIAN LICENSEE IS PRODUCING CHINOOKS.

2. GUENNEC MUSED AT LENGTH ABOUT SUPPLY US EQUIPMENT VIA ITALIAN LICENSEES NOTING THAT HE AWARE LARAF RECEIVED LAST DECEMBER SEVEN REPEAT SEVEN BELL AGUSTA HELICOPTERS. HE ASKED ABOUT USG PROCEDURES RE SUCH SALES; EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT LIMITATIONS RE USE AND TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT APPLY EQUALLY TO EQUIPMENT PRODUCED IN U. S. OR IN THIRD COUNTRY BY LICENSEE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST WE RECALL HEARING ABOUT  
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LARAF INTEREST IN CHINOOKS AND CANNOT ADD ANYTHING TO  
GUENNEC' S " UNCONFIRMED REPORT". WHILE RECOGNIZING  
FRENCH MIGHT HAVE ULTERIOR COMMERCIAL MOTIVE  
IN SHARING THIS INFORMATION, WE INCLINED BELIEVE  
GUENNEC EXPECTED CONFIRMATION FROM US. CAN ADDRESSEES  
SHED ANY LIGHT ON SUBJECT?  
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